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Dear Pest Management Professional,

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA), in conjunction with the University of Kentucky, is interested in developing a better understanding about the re-emergence of bed bugs across the United States. To that effect, NPMA has asked that we reach out to the pest control industry and encourage you and your fellow pest management professionals to complete a voluntary on-line survey on this issue. The link to the US Bed Bug Survey is posted on our website at [www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides](http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides). The results will be published in a future issue of the PestWorld newsletter. The survey will run through March 22, 2010, but please consider completing it at your earliest convenience.

On a related note, the Office of Pesticide Services (OPS) will be hosting a bed bug outreach and education program later this year. This program is designed to provide information on bed bug biology, inspection and control strategies, along with many other related topics of interest to pest management firms, apartment and hotel managers, and other stakeholders. Once available, program specific information will be distributed to all businesses.

Thank you for your participation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeffrey Rogers, Environmental Program Planner, OPS, at 804-371-6561 or e-mail: [jeffrey.rogers@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:jeffrey.rogers@vdacs.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liza J. Fleeson".

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Cc: Jeffrey Rogers, Environmental Program Planner